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The SPECTATOR.

Reſponſare cupidinibus, contemnere honores,
Fortis, & in ſeipſo totus teres, atque rotundus. Hor.

Wedneſday, September 10. 1712.

THE other Day looking over thoſe old Manuſcripts, of which I have formerly given ſome Account, and which relate to the Character of the mighty *Pharamond* of *France*, and the cloſe Friendſhip between him and his Friend *Eucrate*; I found, among the Letters which had been in the Cuſtody of the latter, an Epiſtle from a Country Gentleman to *Pharamond*, wherein he excuſes himſelf from coming to Court. The Gentleman, it ſeems, was contented with his Condition, had formerly been in the King's Service, but at the writing the following Letter, had, from Leiſure and Reflection, quite another Senſe of things than that which he had in the more active Part of his Life.

Monſieur Chezluy *to* Pharamond.

Dread Sir,

'I Have from your own Hand (encloſed under 'the Cover of Mr. *Eucrate* of your Majeſty's 'Bed-chamber) a Letter which invites me to 'Court. I underſtand this great Honour to be done 'me out of Reſpect and Inclination to me, rather 'than Regard to your own Service: For which 'Reaſon I beg Leave to lay before your Majeſty 'my Reaſons for declining to depart from Home; 'and will not doubt but, as your Motive in deſiring my Attendance was to make me an happier 'Man, when you think that will not be effected by 'my Remove, you will permit me to ſtay where I 'am. Thoſe who have an Ambition to appear in 'Courts, have ever an Opinion, that their Perſons or 'their Talents are particularly formed for the Service or Ornament of that Place; or elſe are hurried 'by downright Deſire of Gain, or what they call 'Honour, to take upon themſelves whatever the 'Generoſity of their Maſter can give them Opportunities to graſp at. But your Goodneſs ſhall not 'be thus impoſed upon by me: I will therefore 'confeſs to you, that frequent Solitude, and long 'Converſation with ſuch who know no Arts which 'poliſh Life, have made me the plaineſt Creature 'in your Dominions. Thoſe leſs Capacities of 'moving with a good Grace, bearing a ready Affability to all around me, and acting with Eaſe before many, have quite left me. I am come to 'that, with Regard to my Perſon, that I conſider it 'only as a Machine I am obliged to take Care of, 'in order to enjoy my Soul in its Faculties with Alacrity; well remembering, that this Habitation 'of Clay will in a few Years be a meaner Piece of 'Earth than any Utenſil about my Houſe. When 'this is, as it really is, the moſt frequent Reflection I have, you will eaſily imagine how well I 'ſhould become a Drawing-Room: Add to this, 'What ſhall a Man without Deſires do about the 'generous *Pharamond*? Monſieur *Eucrate* has hinted 'to me, that you have Thoughts of diſtinguiſhing 'me with Titles. As for my ſelf, in the Temper 'of my preſent Mind, Appellations of Honour 'would but embarraſs Diſcourſe, and new Behaviour towards me perplex me in every Habitude of 'Life. I am alſo to acknowledge to you, that my 'Children, of whom your Majeſty condeſcended 'to enquire, are all of them mean both in their 'Perſons and Genius. The Eſtate my eldeſt Son 'is Heir to, is more than he can enjoy with a good 'Grace. My Self-love will not carry me ſo far, 'as to impoſe upon Mankind the Advancement of 'Perſons (meerly for their being related to me) into high Diſtinctions, who ought for their own 'Sakes, as well as that of the Publick, to affect 'Obſcurity. I wiſh, my generous Prince, as it is 'in your Power to give Honours and Offices, it 'were alſo to give Talents ſuitable to them: Were 'it ſo, the noble *Pharamond* would reward the 'Zeal of my Youth with Abilities to do him Service in my Age.

'Thoſe

'Those who accept of Favour without Merit, support themselves, in it at the Expence of your Majesty. Give me Leave to tell you, Sir, this is the Reason that we in the Country hear so often repeated the Word *Prerogative*. That Part of your Law which is reserved in your self for the readier Service and Good of the Publick, slight Men are eternally buzzing in our Ears to cover their own Follies and Miscarriages. It would be an Addition to the high Favour you have done me, if you would let *Encrate* send me word how often, and in what Cases you allow a Constable to insist upon the Prerogative. From the highest to the lowest Officer in your Dominions, something of their own Carriage they would exempt from Examination under the Shelter of the Word *Prerogative*. I would fain, most Noble *Pharamond*, see one of your Officers assert your Prerogative by good and gracious Actions. When is it used to help the Afflicted, to rescue the Innocent, to comfort the Stranger? Uncommon Methods, apparently undertaken to attain worthy Ends, would never make Power invidious. You see, Sir, I talk to you with the Freedom your noble Nature approves in all whom you admit to your Conversation.

'But, to return to your Majesty's Letter, I humbly conceive, that all Distinctions are useful to Men only as they are to act in Publick; and it would be a romantick Madness for a Man to be a Lord in his Closet. Nothing can be honourable to a Man apart from the World, but the Reflection upon worthy Actions; and he that places Honour in a Consciousness of Well-doing, will have but little Relish for any outward Homage that is paid him, since what gives him Distinction to himself, cannot come within the Observation of his Beholders. Thus all the Words of Lordship, Honour, and Grace, are only Repetitions to a Man that the King has ordered him to be called so; but no Evidences that there is any thing in himself that would give the Man who applies to him those Ideas, without the Creation of his Master.

'I have, most Noble *Pharamond*, all Honours and all Titles in your own Approbation; I triumph in them as they are your Gift, I refuse them as they are to give me the Observation of others. Indulge me, my Noble Master, in this Chastity of Renown; let me know my self in the Favour of *Pharamond*, and look down upon the Applause of the People.

I am,

In all Duty and Loyalty,

Your Majesty's most obedient

Subject and Servant,

Jean Chezluy.

SIR,

'I Need not tell you with what Disadvantages 'Men of low Fortunes and great Modesty 'come into the World, what wrong Measures 'their Diffidence of themselves, and Fear of offending, often obliges them to take, and what a Pity it is that their greatest Vertues and Qualities, 'that should soonest recommend them, are the 'main Obstacle in the Way of their Preferment.

'This, Sir, is my Case; I was bred at a Country School, where I learn'd *Latin* and *Greek*. The Misfortunes of my Family forced me up to Town, where a Profession of the politer Sort has protected me against Infamy and Want. I am now Clerk to a Lawyer, and, in Times of Vacancy and Recess from Business, have made my self Master of *Italian* and *French*; and though the Progress I have made in my Business has gain'd me Reputation enough for one of my Standing, yet my Mind suggests to me every Day, that it is not upon that Foundation I am to build my Fortune.

'The Person I have my present Dependance upon, has it in his Nature, as well as his Power, to advance me, by recommending me to a Gentleman that is going beyond Sea in a publick Employment. I know the Printing this Letter would point me out to those I want Confidence to speak to, and I hope it is not in your Power to refuse making any Body happy.

Septemb. 9. *Yours, &c.*

1712. M. D.

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